

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S323**

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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Speech-Language Pathologist		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 323 provides that certified speech-language pathologists employed full time in a South Carolina school district will receive an annual incentive of \$3,000. Speech-language pathologists who are considered purchased service contractors are not eligible for the incentive.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education (SDE) estimates the total recurring cost to be \$1,593,984. SDE estimates that there are 442 Speech-language pathologists currently eligible for the incentive. This cost consists of the \$3,000 annual incentive including related fringe benefits. The Bill requires that incentives must be paid from funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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